

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please ADD new claim 12 and AMEND the claims in accordance with the following:

1. (Currently Amended) An operations management method policy-distributing method for a computer network system having a plurality of computers, comprising:
 - upon receiving inventory information specifying an inventory based upon one of hardware and software of a computer to be managed, retrieving from a database, operations management policies ~~methods of the computer to be managed~~ corresponding to the specified inventory and creating a method policy-list detailing operations management policies ~~methods~~ suited to the inventory specified by said inventory information;
 - sending back the created method policy-list to a manager;
 - upon receiving selection information indicating the selection by the manager of at least one operations management-policy method of the computer to be managed from said created ~~policy-method~~ list, retrieving from said database, the operations management policy method specified by said selection information; and
 - transmitting the retrieved operations management ~~policy-method of the computer to be managed~~ to the computer to be managed.

2. (Currently Amended) An operations management method policy-distributing method according to claim 1, further comprising:
 - appropriately storing said inventory information in a database; and
 - extracting a difference between said inventory information and the inventory information stored in said database when said inventory information is received,
 - wherein said step of creating a method policy-list, retrieves from said database and creates a method policy-list suited to the inventory specified by said difference.

3. (Currently Amended) An operations management method policy-distributing method according to claim 1, further comprising:
 - appropriately storing in a database usage frequencies of the operations management

~~policies~~ methods of the computer to be managed applied to said computer to be managed; and
appending the usage frequencies stored in said database to each of the operations
management ~~policies~~ methods of the computer to be managed detailed in said ~~method~~ policy
list.

4. (Currently Amended) An operations management ~~method~~ policy-distributing
method according to claim 3, wherein said usage frequency comprises: the number of
references, the operating time and the number of applications of each of the operations
management methods of the computer to be managed ~~policies~~-applied to said computer to be
managed.

5. (Currently Amended) An operations management ~~method~~ policy-distributing
method for a computer network system having a plurality of computers, comprising:
upon receiving inventory information specifying an inventory based upon one of
hardware and software of a computer to be managed, retrieving from a database, operations
management ~~policies~~ methods of the computer to be managed corresponding to the specified
inventory and acquiring operations management ~~policies~~ methods of the computer to be
managed suited to the inventory specified by said inventory information; and
sending back the acquired operations management methods of the computer to be
managed ~~policies~~ to the computer.

6. (Currently Amended) An operations management ~~method~~ policy-distributing
method according to claim 5, further comprising:
setting for each operations management ~~policy~~ method of the computer to be managed
whether or not a deletion is allowable,
wherein said step of acquiring said operations management ~~policies~~ methods of the
computer to be managed necessarily acquires those operations management ~~methods~~ policies
set as non-deletable ~~methods~~ policies regardless of their usage frequency.

7. (Currently Amended) An operations management ~~method~~ policy-distributing
apparatus for a computer network system having a plurality of computers, comprising:
a database storing operations management ~~policies~~ methods of a computer to be
managed corresponding to various inventories;
list creating means for, upon receiving inventory information specifying an inventory

based upon one of hardware and software of a computer to be managed, retrieving policies methods of the computer to be managed from said database and creating a method policy-list detailing operations management methods of the computer to be managed policies-suited to the inventory specified by said inventory information;

list transmission means for transmitting the method policy-list created by said list creating means to a manager;

method policy-retrieving means for, upon receiving selection information indicating the selection by the manager of at least one operations management method of the computer to be managed policy from said method policy-list, retrieving from said database the operations management policy-method of the computer to be managed specified by said selection information; and

policy-method transmission means for transmitting the operations management policy method of the computer to be managed retrieved by said policy-method retrieving means to the computer to be managed.

8. (Currently Amended) An operations management policy-method distributing apparatus for a computer network system having a plurality of computers, comprising:

a database storing operations management policies-methods of a computer to be managed corresponding to various inventories;

policy-method retrieving means for, upon receiving inventory information specifying an inventory based upon one of hardware and software of a computer to be managed, retrieving from said database, operations management-policies methods of the computer to the managed suited to the inventory specified by said inventory information; and

policy-method transmission means for transmitting the operations management policies methods of the computer to be managed retrieved by said policy-method retrieving means to the computer to be managed.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage for controlling a computer, comprising an operations management method-policy distributing program for a computer network system having a plurality of computers, for executing on a computer and comprising:

a list creating function for, upon receiving inventory information specifying an inventory based upon one of hardware and software of a computer to be managed, retrieving from a database, storing operations management policies-methods of the computer to be managed corresponding to the specified inventory and creating a policy-method list detailing operations

management policies methods of the computer to be managed suited to the inventory specified by said inventory information;

a list transmission function for transmitting the policy-method list created by said list creating function to a manager;

a method policy-retrieving function for, upon receiving selection information indicating the selection by the manager of at least one operations management policy-method of the computer to be managed from said method policy-list, retrieving from said database, the operations management method of the computer to be managed policy-specified by said selection information; and

a method policy-transmission function for transmitting the operations management method of the computer to be managed-policy retrieved by said method policy retrieving function to the computer to be managed.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage for controlling a computer, comprising an operations management method policy-distributing program for a computer network system having a plurality of computers, and causing the computer to execute a process comprising:

a method policy acquiring function for, upon receiving inventory information specifying an inventory based upon one of hardware and software of a computer to be managed, retrieving from a database, storing operations management policies methods of the computer to be managed corresponding to the specified inventory and acquiring a method policy-list detailing operations management methods of the computer to be managed policies suited to the inventory specified by said inventory information; and

a method policy-transmission function for transmitting the operations management policies-methods of the computer to be managed acquired by said policy-method acquiring function.

11. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) An operations management method policy distributing method for a computer network system having a plurality of computers, comprising:

receiving a configuration based upon one of hardware and software from each computer to be managed;

retrieving from a database, operations management methods policies-suited to each configuration and creating method policy-lists detailing operations management methods policies suited each configuration;

providing the created method policy-lists to a manager of the computer network system for a selection of one method policy-for each computer to be managed, wherein the manager is provided with a method policy rating based upon a number of computers operating under the corresponding method policy, overall operation time of the corresponding method policy-among the plurality of computers, and a number of applications of the corresponding method policy ;

upon receiving the selection from the manager, retrieving from the database, the operations management method policy-specified by the selection; and

sending the retrieved operations management method policy-to each computer to be managed.

12. (NEW) A method, comprising:

analyzing software and hardware currently in a computer to be managed;

providing a list of computer management policies based on the software and hardware in the computer, the list sorted in descending order based on usage frequency of each policy in the list, responsive to a total number of references of each policy, total operating time of each policy and a total number of applications of each policy;

storing the list of computer management policies; and

accepting selection of one of plurality of policies from a system manager and applying the selection to manage the computer.